

Summary of the Invention was proper, a revised version is submitted in the Appeal Brief. The revised Summary of Invention is believed to even more clearly conform with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.192(c)(5).

The Notification also asserts that the claims presented in the Appendix contain amendments that were not entered. The revised Appeal Brief is believed to overcome this objection.

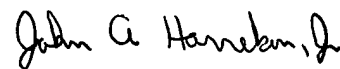
Due to the lengthy prosecution and the fact that a number of amendments were not entered, Applicants believe that a brief discussion of several of the pending claims is necessary. Applicants note that Claim 24 depends from claim 50. The last amendment, filed May 25, 2001, inadvertently showed dependence from claim 21 (previously canceled) in the unamended portion of the claim. However, it is noted that the amended portion of the claim in the January 27, 2000 Amendment correctly shows dependency from claim 50.

Claim 33 is canceled as duplicate of claim 32.

In regard to Claim 37, although the January 28, 1998 Amendment was not entered, the same language was resubmitted in the May 25, 2001 Amendment. Thus, Applicants believe that the pending claim ends with the phrase "wherein when said Q or I is a crosslinking agent, said crosslinking agent is not lysine."

Applicants believe that the Appeal Brief submitted in triplicate herewith is a full response to the Notification of Non-Compliance.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 33.